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Descriptive
Catalog
of
**STRAWBERRY
PLANTS**
For Home
And Market



PINE WOODS FARM
C. EDGAR THOMAS
DELMAR, DELAWARE

Description of Varieties

KLONDYKE. Berries uniform in shape and size, dark red, mild and delicious, very handsome. Plants make a remarkable growth, are tall and compact, stalks strong, leaves light green, makes abundant runners and an unusual number of crowns. One of the very best paying early varieties, and is such a good shipper that its appearance in the market causes it to be eagerly bought by those who are ready to pay good prices for fancy fruit. Plant Klondyke for more trade and more profit.

MISSIONARY. A variety that is proving very popular all through the South. It is a strong grower, making plants freely; early to mature, and very productive. The berries are well colored, firm, large and hold their size well throughout the season. It is a good shipper, having a tough skin not easily broken by handling.

KELLOGS PREMIER, (Howard 17). Early to late. Noted for its long fruiting season and unsurpassed shipping qualities. Ripens with the early varieties and continues fruiting until the late varieties come in. It is adapted to all sections of the country. No weakness of any kind. Fruit is large to very large and holds size well through its ripening season. Foliage is smooth, bright and clean. A good one.

BIG JOE. This is one of the best berries on the list. Above medium in size, almost perfect in shape, very solid, bright red in color, and a good heavy bearer for so large a berry. The fruit is borne on long stiff stems, well up from the ground. Plants are very large and deep-rooted. Strong grower. A bed of Big Joe in fruit is about as handsome a sight as one often sees and it is a money-maker for both near-by and distant markets. Don't fail to plant Big Joe.

GIBSON. Berries are large and regular in shape, holding their size well to the end of the season. Color rich red. Flavor is neither sweet nor sour, but just right for canning. Extremely productive; in fact, we know of no variety that will produce more quarts of berries per acre than the Gibson. It makes a strong, vigorous plant that withstands adverse conditions admirably. We recommend it and know you will not make any mistake in planting Gibson.

WOLVERTON Berry medium to large in size, mid-season, popular market sort in many sections also a good table fruit if you like a mild sub-acid berry.

CHESAPEAKE. Medium late. Ripens a little earlier than Gandy. Has a beautiful appearance, extra large, even in shape and uniform in size. Plants are strong growers, healthy dark green in color, rich and vigorous, no rust, no disease, in fact no weakness of any kind. Chesapeake is a shy plant maker and should be planted in rich springy land for best results. This is a good one and is well known and extensively planted, wherever strawberries are grown.

GANDY. One of the universal favorites, and as a "money-maker" hard to beat. A good grower with tall, healthy foliage, and produces large, dark crimson berries that when fully ripe, are of excellent quality. It is a splendid berry and always brings fancy prices. A free plant maker and a good grower, while its extra firmness makes it keep on the vines longer than almost any I know. Late. If you grow late strawberries you need Gandy.

PROGRESSIVE. A wonderful fall-bearing strawberry and considered the best by many growers. The spring-set plants not only produce a big crop of berries the same season, but the runner plants commence to bear fruit as soon as set, and quite often you will find a runner plant full of blossoms and berries before it has made any roots, and in this way Progressive yields a crop of fruit the first year that is truly wonderful. The fruit of the Progressive is of good size, smooth, of good color and appearance. The plant is a good grower and healthy.



Special Price Offers On Strawberry Plants

I am offering the following collections at special "get acquainted" prices. You will be pleased with these plants and with the berries they will produce. Each collection contains the best home-garden varieties.

Special Collection No. 1

100 PremierEarly
100 Big JoeMidseason
100 GandyLate

Special Price Postpaid \$1.50

Special Collection No. 2

100 PremierEarly
100 KlondykeEarly
100 Big JoeMidseason
100 WolvertonMidseason
100 ChesapeakeLate
100 GandyLate

Special Price Postpaid \$3.00

Special Collection No. 3

1000 PremierEarly
1000 Big JoeMidseason
1000 GandyLate

Special Price Postpaid \$10.00

Special Collection No. 4

1000 MissionaryEarly
1000 PremierEarly
1000 KlondykeEarly
1000 Big JoeMidseason
1000 ChesapeakeLate
1000 GandyLate

Special Price Postpaid \$20.00

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Pine Woods Farm
Delmar - - Delaware

Price List, Terms, Etc.

	Per 25	Per 100	Per 250	Per 1000
Early Varieties				
Klondyke	\$.25	\$.75	\$1.35	\$4.00
Missionary .....	.25	.75	1.35	4.00
Kellogs Premier (Howard 17) .....	.25	.75	1.35	4.00
Mid-Season				
Big Joe .....	.25	.75	1.35	4.00
Gibson .....	.25	.75	1.35	4.00
Wolverton .....	.25	.75	1.35	4.00
Late				
Chesapeake .....	.35	1.00	2.00	6.00
Gandy .....	.25	.75	1.35	4.00
Everbearing				
Progressive .....	.50	1.25	2.35	8.00

The above varieties are all perfect flowering sorts.

500 at the thousand rate. Write for special prices on 5000 or more of a variety.

25 plants each of above varieties for \$2.00

100 plants each of above varieties, for \$5.00

Ask for prices on Early Plants of Cabbage, Cauliflower, Egg Plants, Peppers and Tomatoes, also main crop or canning tomatoes.

READ INFORMATION BEFORE ORDERING

TIME TO ORDER. Just as soon as you receive this Price-list, as that will insure you of getting just what you want. Plants will be reserved and shipped when you are ready for them.

TIME OF SHIPMENT. From October 20th to May 1st, after this date plants are shipped at customer's risk. Our Northern customers usually order throughout the month of May and with a late season the plants will go through in good condition. Yet we do not advise shipping at this late date. We will only fill orders at customer's risk. We will use every precaution in crating and packing and do everything in our power to put plants through in good condition.

PAYMENT. Invariably cash before shipping. To reserve orders for future shipment, one-fourth, cash must accompany order and balance before plants are shipped.

PACKING. No charge for boxing and packing. Everything is delivered F. O. B. trains at rates given in this Price-list.

NO ORDER TO SMALL. Your order for twenty-five plants will receive the same care and attention as will an order for twenty-five thousand.

TRUE TO NAME. We use every precaution to have our plants true to name and believe we make few mistakes, yet we will not be responsible for any sum greater than cost of stock proving untrue to name and in no way will we be responsible for the crop grown.

PINE WOODS FARM,

DELMAR, DELAWARE.

Cultural Directions

Strawberries, for the last few years, have been a paying crop and in many cases have been life savers for many farmers and growers. Experts predict that this crop will be a paying one for the next several years as the demand is increasing faster than the supply.

Although strawberries will grow on any good soil, it is good business to select as nearly an ideal soil as possible, as a poor soil can hardly ever be remedied by fertilizer or any other agency. Select a springy loam. That is, a good loam soil that contains a good supply of moisture and yet is not wet. Spread manure in the fall, if possible, and plow in the spring. Run out rows and apply about five hundred pounds of bone meal, either raw or steamed, per acre. Mix this well with the soil before setting out plants.

In most sections it is best to set out the plants as early in the spring as possible. Be careful in setting out plants that the crowns are not set too deep nor too shallow. Careful attention at this time is absolutely necessary for best results.

Cultivate as often as possible in order that weeds and grass may be kept under control and that the soil may be stirred thoroughly. Some varieties, such as Chesapeake, require more cultivation than do other varieties. When cultivating place runners along the row and fasten them down. This is often the secret of a good bed, and is one factor that good growers never neglect.

Pinch or nip off all blossoms the first year. This may be done with the thumb and finger, or better yet, with a small pair of shears. Failure to do this often results in stunted plants that never recover.

As strawberry plants make most of their growth in the fall, it is advisable to fertilize at that time. Use a formula fairly rich in phosphorus, whereas in the early spring, nitrogen should be the element stressed. The amount to be applied will vary with the soil, variety, method of handling, and season; but from 300 to 800 lbs. is the general rule. Some growers use only a form of nitrate the first spring after setting out the plants. Many experiments have proved that on the majority of soils a complete fertilizer heavy in nitrogen is better than the application of the one element alone.

The beds should be cleaned out after fruiting and fertilized in early fall. Grass and weeds take heavy toll with resultant small fruit and yields. Do not burn over beds unless the material is dry and wind right to make a quick job. This matter of burning is almost a thing of the past, although, it is often practiced by good growers.

CERTIFICATE OF NURSERY INSPECTION

Dover, Delaware, October 19, 1923.

To Whom It May Concern:

This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the Pine Woods Farm Nurseries, of C. E. Thomas at Delmar, Sussex county, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature, that may be transferred on nursery stock.

This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause, and it is invalid after August 31, 1924, and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises unless such stock is covered by certificate of a State or Government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

RALPH C. WILSON, Inspector.

PINE WOODS FARM, DELMAR, DELAWARE
Growers of Strawberry Plants